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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1651
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Shigeto UCHIYAMA, et al.
Appln. No.: 09/485,320
Confirmation No.: 1771
Filed: February 08, 2000

Docket No: Q57711
Group Art Unit: 1651
Examiner: Marx, I.

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For: ISOFLAVONE-CONTAINING COMPOSITION

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2002. The examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making the due date for response October 29, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising a daidzein-containing substance and at least one strain of microorganism capable of metabolizing daidzein to equol as essential